

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 19 and 21-27 have been allowed. Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled.

The advisory action indicates that all claims except for claims 16 and 17 are allowable. Without conceding the correctness of the advisory action, applicants have cancelled claims 16 and 17 only for purposes of expediting prosecution

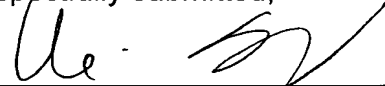
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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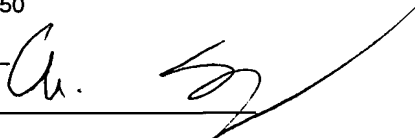

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